

Remarks/Arguments

Restriction Requirement

Examiner withdrew claims 5-9 from consideration, asserting that claims 1-9 represented three independent species and required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. (Office Action, page 2) Examiner suggested that Applicant either cancel claim 5-9 or rewrite claims 5 and 7 to include all of the limitations of claim 1. (Office Action, page 3)

Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to include all of the limitations of allowed claim 1, as suggested by the Examiner. As such, it is respectfully submitted that basis for the restriction requirement has been eliminated and that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Objection

Examiner objected to claim 1, citing a lack of "definition for the variances in either the specification or the claims." Examiner noted that claims 1 and 3-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection. (Office Action, page 4)

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the phrase "For $1.3 < t < 4.075$ " and to specify "t being a number varying between 1.3 and 4.075 and coordinates (x(t), z(t)) representing points along the profile."

Based on the above remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the basis for the objection has been eliminated and that the objection should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's requirements and objections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,

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